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1. As in 1954, the VEB Fahrzeug- und Geratewerk (vehicle and apparatus plant) Simson at Suhl is scheduled to produce 750 bicycles daily and 650 motorcycles per month in 1955. ¹ In February, five units of a newly developed motor scooter were built and subject to trial runs. The motor scooters were copied from eight motor scooters of Western manufacture. ²
2. In February 1955, the VEB Ernst-Thaelmann Works at Suhl were still manufacturing household goods. There were no indications of a shift in production.

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| 1. | <u>Comment.</u> The VEB Fahrzeug- und Geratetwerk Simson produces type A10 motorcycles. The 1953 production target was 17,000 units, of which 11,390 units were completed by 31 August 1953. The monthly production of 650 motorcycles as mentioned in the report for 1954 would make an annual total of only 7,800 to 8,000 motorcycles. As for bicycles, the 1953 production target was 230,000 units. A daily production of 750 bicycles would make an annual production of about 225,000 units. | 25X1 |
| 2. | <u>Comment.</u> In the East German press, it was mentioned that the VEB Fahrzeug- und Geratetwerk Simson would start the quantity production of bicycles fitted with a 48 cubic centimeter engine in 1955. The information that the enterprise was going to build motor scooters is received for the first time. Until now, the VEB Industriewerk Ludwigsfelde has been the only industrial enterprise to manufacture a motor scooter of the Pitty type. | 25X1 |

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